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1. Two-year "firing courses" (kursy vystrel, sic) are given at a school located on an island in the middle of Lake Senezh (N 56-12, E 37-00). The town in which the school is located is called Solnechnogorsk (N 56-10, E 36-59). The railroad station for Solnechnogorsk is Podsolnechnaya (N 56-11, E 36-59). A tank firing range and an artillery firing range are located adjacent to the school.
2. The courses given at the school are considered very important and are designed primarily for company and battalion commanders. For training purposes, the school is issued the newest weapons of all types even before these weapons are issued to the troops.
3. The "firing courses" are not artillery training courses alone, but are for combat units in general. For example, an officer who is a company or battalion commander, but who has not completed middle school, cannot apply for entrance to military academies because of his limited educational background. Since he would not be able to pass the entrance examinations, in order to obtain credit for military proficiency, he attends the "firing courses". These are general courses in battalion and regimental tactics for coordinated arms; the school gives joint infantry, artillery, and tank unit training.

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